

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

I claim:

1. (Previously Presented) A composition comprising: one or more isolated *Streptococcus oralis* strains and one or more isolated strains of *Streptococcus uberis*.
2. (Original) The composition of claim 1, further comprising a carrier.
3. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 24, wherein the one or more isolated *mutans streptococcus* strains are selected from the group consisting of *S. rattus*, *S. rattus* strain JH145, *S. cricetus*, *S. mutans*, *S. sobrinus*, *S. downei*, *S. macacae*, and *S. ferus*; wherein the one or more isolated *S. oralis* strains are selected from the group consisting of *S. oralis* strain KJ3sm and *S. oralis* strain KJ3; and wherein the one or more isolated *S. uberis* strains are selected from the group consisting of *S. uberis* strain KJ2sm and *S. uberis* strain KJ2.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 24, wherein the one or more isolated *mutans streptococcus* are naturally-occurring mutants that are lactate dehydrogenase-deficient or are genetically modified strains that are lactate dehydrogenase-deficient.
6. (Canceled)
7. (Canceled)
8. (Canceled)
9. (Previously Presented) A food composition comprising: one or more isolated *Streptococcus oralis* strains and one or more isolated strains of *Streptococcus uberis*.
10. (Previously Presented) The food composition of claim 25, wherein the one or more isolated *mutans streptococcus* strains are selected from the group consisting of *S. rattus*, *S. cricetus*, *S. mutans*, *S. sobrinus*, *S. downei*, *S. macacae*, and *S. ferus*.
11. (Previously Presented) The food composition of claim 25, wherein the one or more isolated *mutans streptococcus* are naturally-occurring mutants that are lactate dehydrogenase-deficient or are genetically modified strains that are lactate dehydrogenase-deficient.
12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A dentifrice, oral rinse, chewing gum, lozenge, or topical agent composition comprising: one or more isolated *Streptococcus oralis* strains and one or more isolated strains of *Streptococcus uberis* ~~(b)~~.
14. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 26, wherein the one or more isolated *mutans streptococcus* strains are selected from the group consisting of *S. rattus*, *S. cricetus*, *S. mutans*, *S. sobrinus*, *S. downei*, *S. macacae*, and *S. ferus*.
15. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 26, wherein the one or more isolated *mutans streptococcus* strains are naturally-occurring mutants that are lactate dehydrogenase-deficient or are genetically modified strains that are lactate dehydrogenase-deficient.
16. (Canceled)
17. (Original) A method for maintaining oral health of a subject comprising administering the composition of claim 1 to an oral cavity of a subject.
18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the subject is a mammal.
19. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the composition is administered to the subject about once a day, about once a week, or about once a month.
20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein maintaining oral health comprises the treatment, prevention or both treatment and prevention of periodontitis, dental caries, *Candida* or fungal overgrowth, halitosis, xerostomia-induced dental caries or periodontal disease, oral bacterial infections, oral bacterial disease, oral wounds or a combination thereof.
21. (Previously Presented) A method of non-persistently colonizing an oral cavity of a subject with therapeutically-effective bacteria comprising administering to the oral cavity of the subject a combination comprising: one or more isolated *Streptococcus oralis* strains and one or more isolated strains of *Streptococcus uberis*.
22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the combination is administered to the subject about once a day, about once a week, or about once a month.
23. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the subject is a mammal.
24. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1, further comprising one or more isolated *mutans streptococcus* strains, wherein the *mutans streptococcus* strains are lactate dehydrogenase-deficient.
25. (Previously Presented) The food composition of claim 9, further comprising one or more isolated *mutans streptococcus* strains, wherein the *mutans streptococcus* strains are lactate dehydrogenase-deficient.

26. (Previously Presented) The dentifrice, oral rinse, chewing gum, lozenge, or topical agent composition of claim 13, further comprising one or more isolated *mutans streptococcus* strains, wherein the *mutans streptococcus* strains are lactate dehydrogenase-deficient.
27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~24~~ 21, further comprising the administration of one or more isolated *mutans streptococcus* strains, wherein the *mutans streptococcus* strains are lactate dehydrogenase-deficient.
28. (Previously Presented) A method for maintaining oral health of a subject comprising administering the composition of claim 24 to an oral cavity of a subject.
29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein maintaining oral health comprises the treatment, prevention or both treatment and prevention of periodontitis, dental caries, *Candida* or fungal overgrowth, halitosis, xerostomia-induced dental caries or periodontal disease, oral bacterial infections, oral bacterial disease, oral wounds or a combination thereof.